GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA ACT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the National Highways Authority of India Act to incorporate changes in the functions and structure of the Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Subsequent to the approval of the Cabinet on restructuring proposal of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the NHAI Act 1988 is required to be amended to implement the following decisions:

(i) to increase the number of full-time members of the Authority from five to six; and

(ii) to increase the number of part-time members of the Authority from four to six.

(c) This Ministry conveyed intention to move for leave to introduce the National Highways Authority of India (Amendment) bill, 2007 during Winter Session of Parliament and also to introduce the bill. The bill could not be introduced in that Session. Fresh notice has been issued to introduce the NHAI (Amendment) bill during the current Session.